

**BEFORE THE  
MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**In the Matter of the Accusation  
Against:**

**Joseph Robert Brownfield, M.D.**

**Physician's and Surgeon's  
Certificate No. A 90488**

**Respondent.**

**Case No. 800-2020-066408**

**DECISION**

**The attached Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby adopted as the Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California.**

**This Decision shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on  
October 28, 2021.**

**IT IS SO ORDERED October 21, 2021.**

**MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA**

  
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**William Prasifka  
Executive Director**

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11 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

12 **JOSEPH ROBERT BROWNFIELD, M.D.**  
13 **5143 Bakman Ave Apt. 406**  
**North Hollywood CA 91601-4915**

14 **Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A**  
15 **90488**

16 Respondent.

Case No. 800-2020-066408

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**STIPULATED SURRENDER OF**  
**LICENSE AND ORDER**

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18 In the interest of a prompt and speedy settlement of this matter, consistent with the public  
19 interest and the responsibility of the Medical Board of California of the Department of Consumer  
20 Affairs, the parties hereby agree to the following Stipulated Surrender and Disciplinary Order  
21 which will be submitted to the Board for approval and adoption as the final disposition of the  
22 Accusation.

23 **PARTIES**

24 1. William Prasifka (Complainant) is the Executive Director of the Medical Board of  
25 California (Board). He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in this  
26 matter by Rob Bonta, Attorney General of the State of California, by Thomas Ostly, Deputy  
27 Attorney General.

1           2.     JOSEPH ROBERT BROWNFIELD, M.D. (Respondent) is representing himself in  
2 this proceeding and has chosen not to exercise his right to be represented by counsel.

3           3.     On or about March 18, 2005, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate  
4 No. A 90488 to JOSEPH ROBERT BROWNFIELD, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's and  
5 Surgeon's Certificate expired on November 30, 2020; and has not been renewed.

6                                   **JURISDICTION**

7           4.     Accusation No. 800-2020-066408 was filed before the Board, and is currently  
8 pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were  
9 properly served on Respondent on December 7, 2020. Respondent timely filed his Notice of  
10 Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 800-2020-066408 is attached as  
11 Exhibit A and incorporated by reference.

12                                   **ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS**

13           5.     Respondent has carefully read, and understands the charges and allegations in  
14 Accusation No. 800-2020-066408. Respondent also has carefully read, and understands the  
15 effects of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order.

16           6.     Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the right to a  
17 hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel, at  
18 his own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to  
19 present evidence and to testify on his own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel  
20 the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and  
21 court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California  
22 Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

23           7.     Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and  
24 every right set forth above.

25                                   **CULPABILITY**

26           8.     Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation  
27 No. 800-2020-066408, agrees that cause exists for discipline and hereby surrenders his  
28 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 90488 for the Board's formal acceptance.

9. Respondent understands that by signing this stipulation he enables the Board to issue an order accepting the surrender of his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate without further process.

## CONTINGENCY

10. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and surrender, without notice to or participation by Respondent. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Surrender and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.

11. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile copies of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order, including PDF and facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.

12. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Order:

## ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 90488, issued to Respondent JOSEPH ROBERT BROWNFIELD, M.D., is surrendered and accepted by the Board.

1. Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as a Physician and Surgeon in California as of the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.

2. Respondent shall cause to be delivered to the Board his pocket license and, if one was issued, his wall certificate on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order.

3. If Respondent ever files an application for licensure or a petition for reinstatement in the State of California, the Board shall treat it as a petition for reinstatement. Respondent must

1 comply with all the laws, regulations and procedures for reinstatement of a revoked or  
2 surrendered license in effect at the time the petition is filed, and all of the charges and allegations  
3 contained in Accusation No. 800-2020-066408 shall be deemed to be true, correct and admitted  
4 by Respondent when the Board determines whether to grant or deny the petition.

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6 **ACCEPTANCE**

7 I have carefully read the Stipulated Surrender of License and Order. I understand the  
8 stipulation and the effect it will have on my Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate. I enter into  
9 this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and  
10 agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California.

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12 DATED: 9/1/2021

  
13 JOSEPH ROBERT BROWNFIELD, M.D.  
14 Respondent

15 **ENDORSEMENT**

16 The foregoing Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby respectfully submitted  
17 for consideration by the Medical Board of California of the Department of Consumer Affairs:

18 DATED: 09/30/2021

Respectfully submitted,

19 ROB BONTA  
20 Attorney General of California  
21 JANE ZACK SIMON  
22 Supervising Deputy Attorney General

23 /s/ Thomas Ostly  
24 THOMAS OSTLY  
25 Deputy Attorney General  
26 Attorneys for Complainant

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**Exhibit A**

**Accusation No. 800-2020-066408**

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**A C C U S A T I O N**

15 **Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate**  
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21 as the Executive Director of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs  
22 (Board).

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3. This Accusation is brought before the Medical Board of California under the

A. Section 2227 of the Code provides in part that the Board may revoke, suspend for a

B. Section 2305 of the Code provides, in part, that the revocation, suspension, or other

C. Section 141 of the Code provides:

“(a) For any licensee holding a license issued by a board under the jurisdiction of a department, a disciplinary action taken by another state, by any agency of the federal government, or by another country for any act substantially related to the practice regulated by the California license, may be a ground for disciplinary action by the respective state licensing board. A certified copy of the record of the disciplinary action taken against the licensee by another state, an agency of the federal government, or by another country shall be conclusive evidence of the events related therein.

“(b) Nothing in this section shall preclude a board from applying a specific statutory provision in the licensing act administered by the board that provides for discipline based upon a disciplinary action taken against the licensee by another state, an agency of the federal government, or another country.”

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**(Discipline, Restriction, or Limitation Imposed by Another State)**

4. On April 3, 2020 the State of Florida Department of Health (Department) executed an



6. Respondent's conduct and the action of the State of Florida Department of Health, as set forth in paragraph 5, above, constitute cause for discipline pursuant to sections 2305 and/or 141 of the Code.

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Medical Board of California issue a decision:

2. Revoking, suspending or denying approval of Joseph Robert Brownfield, M.D.'s authority to supervise physician assistants and advanced practice nurses;

3. Ordering Joseph Robert Brownfield, M.D., if placed on probation, to pay the Board the costs of probation monitoring; and

4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: NOV 25 2020

**WILLIAM PRASIFKA**  
Executive Director  
Medical Board of California  
Department of Consumer Affairs  
State of California  
*Complainant*

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EXHIBIT A



# MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

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June 15, 2020

Joseph Robert Brownfield, M.D.  
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### RE: NOTICE OF OUT OF STATE SUSPENSION ORDER

California License: A 90488

Case Number: 800-2020-066408

Dear Dr. Brownfield:

California Business and Professions Code section 2310 authorizes the Medical Board of California to immediately suspend the California medical license of any physician and surgeon whose medical license has been suspended or revoked in any other state or by any agency of the federal government. A copy of Business and Professions Code section 2310 is enclosed for your review.

The Medical Board of California has determined, upon review of certified documents from the Florida Board of Medicine, that your Florida license to practice medicine was suspended on April 3, 2020. Based on this suspension, your California medical license has been suspended effective immediately. This action will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank and the Federation of State Medical Boards.

You have a right to a hearing on the issue of penalty, as provided by Business and Professions Code section 2310(c). This hearing will be held within 90 days from the date of request. You may send this request to:

Jane Zack Simon  
Supervising Deputy Attorney General  
Department of Justice  
455 Golden Gate Avenue, Suite 11000  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Should the status of your medical license in Florida change, please notify us immediately. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Shari Wilkie at (916) 263-2624 or [shari.wilkie@mbc.ca.gov](mailto:shari.wilkie@mbc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

  
Christine J. Lally  
Interim Executive Director

Enclosure